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REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled all former claims, without prejudice or disclaimer and have substituted them with new Claims 12-22.

Claims 12-19 are now pending, with Claim 12 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 12-19 have been added. Support for the use of the term "recombinant" in Claim 16 is found at least in the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 9 of the specification. Support for Claims 18-19 are found at least in Examples 4-5, pages 17-21 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at two locations to remove reference to the following URL: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I₁ (Claims 1-5, 10 and 11) drawn to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a sulfite reductase from *Oryza sativa*, and a host cell comprising said molecule, wherein said reductase is set forth by SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants submit that now pending Claims 12-19 are directed to Group I₁.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of Group III₁, Claim 7, which is drawn to a method of altering the level of expression of reductase in a host, may be properly rejoined with the polynucleotide claims of Group I₁ if such claims are found to be allowable.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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